



Franklin County Clover News

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Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Franklin and Perry Counties will be working together to build ten bunk beds for kids in the area that are in need of a bed to sleep on. On Friday, May 31 from 9-noon we will be building beds at Momma Bear's Shop 804 East Franklin Avenue, Sesser. Following is a list of the jobs and how many people are needed.

- Sanding station - minimum 4 people over 12 years of age
 - Headboard tapping/drilling station - minimum 3 people over 12 years of age
 - Side rail tapping/drilling station - minimum 2 people over 12 years of age
 - Headboard assembly station - minimum 2 people over 12 years of age
 - Headboard inspection/cleanout station - minimum 2 people over 12 years of age
 - Side rail assembly station - minimum 2 people over 12 years of age
 - Optional staining station - minimum 1 person over 10 years of age
- 4 adults will be needed to help oversee the power tools.

If you have questions or think your 4-H member can do these jobs please contact me for approval.

Please fill out the insurance form online at: bit.ly/shpvolunteers I will also have paper forms available.

After finishing up at noon we will do a picnic lunch in the park and play sand volleyball with all the youth from Perry County.

Please RSVP by May 29 to 439-3178 if you will be able to attend.

Monetary donations will also be accepted from clubs to help buy bedding and lumber.

Farm City Days

Franklin County 4-H will have a space at Farm City Days and I need help!!! I need 4-H members that will be willing to help youth race the bouncy ball animals. Not hard, just help get the youth on them at the starting line and make sure they don't wander off with them. We will set up a race track and the kids will race to the end for a prize.

I will need the following help:

4 –6 members from 3-5pm

4 –6 members from 5-8pm

I will also need members to help put on 4-H tattoos for the little kids.

Please call the office if you are willing to help. 439-3178



Holiday

The Extension will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2019 for Memorial Day.



4-H Fair

The 2019 4-H Fair Dates are July 11-18. Hold on to your hats as the whirlwind of activities starts and doesn't stop for 8 fun filled, exhausting days!

Everyone should have an orange colored Franklin County 4-H Handbook for this year. This book will tell you exactly what you are to bring to the fair for each project. But if you have any questions at all give me a call at 439-3178 and I will be happy to answer them.

Fair entry forms

Included in this envelope are the entry forms for the 4-H Fair. This is so that when you come to a show your name will be on the judges list or class list. If the judge is done and your name is on the list, we know to wait for you to show up. Or if you have an animal entered in a class and it is being stubborn we know to wait for you to enter the show ring. This also tells us how many judges we need and for how long, if a judge has small classes and is qualified maybe they can judge more categories. We have a limited budget that we can spend for our judges.

Again if you have any questions please, please give me a call. Waiting until the day of the show will probably be too late.

NEW MEMBERS(QAEC) deadline is June 1

All 4-H members enrolled in an animal project area are required to complete the online **Quality Assurance and Ethics course** one time in order to stay enrolled in an animal project area.

The certification must be done if you are enrolled in one of the following projects: beef, dairy, cats, dogs, goats, horses, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine. Members who don't complete the certification before the show will be removed from the project and not be allowed to show. Anyone who has already taken the certification does not need to retake the test. The local office has a list of those already certified. Go to go.illinois.edu/4Hqaec. **This rule applies to 4-H members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits.**

Livestock Deadlines

All livestock must be owned and on the stated address, being cared for by the 4-H member by the dates listed below for each species. Forms must be turned in to the Extension Office by the required date.

June 1, 2018—Horses, Rabbits & Poultry

For animals born after those dates, they are automatically included. Random farm visits will be conducted without notice.

Vet Check Day

Wednesday, June 26—If you would like for Dr. Spence to visit your home to check your animals and write health papers to be able to show you will need to contact the Extension Office at 439-3178 to get your name on the list. Please include what type of animals and how many need to be seen that day. If you call to have your animals checked on this day then you will be given a reduced fee. Do you have to participate on this day? NO, you may contact a different Vet., Dr. Spence does a reduced rate on this day only. All health papers if not done on Vet. check day have to be turned in to me by July 8.

Fairgrounds Clean UP

Save the date! Clean up has been set for Saturday, June 29, 7:00am. The JR. Fair board has decided that we will not be building an arena this year, so we will be repairing the arena and building a bridge that will be kept at the fairgrounds.

Needed that day—everyone that will be exhibiting. All of the buildings will need to be swept and cleaned., pens will need to be built, general maintenance, water hooked back up, weedeating, raking, trash pick up, etc. The list will be longer next month along with suggested items to bring.

I have already been contacted by several that will not be able to attend that day because of ball tournaments. I will be making a list of items that can be done ahead

You be the judge at Illinois 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest

The Illinois 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held Monday, June 17 at the Stock Pavilion in Urbana (1402 West Pennsylvania Ave.) beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. All participants must be checked in by 9:30. The contest will begin at 10. Each county may enter a total of three teams, with no more than two junior teams or two senior teams. Get all the rules and details online @ go.illinois.edu/4Hlivestock. There will be three classes of beef, three classes of swine and two classes of sheep. There may also be a class of meat goats substituted for one class of the other species. There will also be a class of 15 questions (5 from a beef class, 5 from a swine class and 5 from a sheep class). Cost for senior is \$10 to cover the cost of lunch. Juniors will be dismissed by lunch to get their own meals.

4-H Poultry judging returns to state fair

The Illinois 4-H State Poultry Judging Contest will be held Wednesday, Aug. 7 immediately following the State Fair Junior Poultry Show at about 4:30 p.m. in Building 105 of the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. There is no limit to the number of exhibitors each county may send. Teams of three or four contestants may be submitted. The four top seniors (age 14-18 on Jan. 1, 2019) will compete as the Illinois team at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in November. Registration begins at 4. Check out the state 4-H website on the Events page for all the details.

Tell your story. Win \$50

Everyone has a 4-H story. Now, you can win \$50 for telling yours! Winners statewide will be selected and their 4-H story used in 2020. Here is everything you need to know.

Your video should be no longer than 90 seconds.

Your video should relate to one of these topics:

Through 4-H, I've been able to ...

In my 4-H XXXXX project, I've learned

4-H has taught me to care about my community. I've ...

4-H has helped me feel welcomed by

I've strengthened my leadership skills through 4-H by ...

In the future I want to XXXXX and here's how 4-H has helped ...

Every video should end with "Because of 4-H, I Thanks for helping me grow!"

Send the video file to us at illinois4H@illinois.edu or post it to YouTube and share the link in an email to us. Be sure to save the original file in case we need it later.

Include your first name, your county, and your 4-H club name.

A parent or friend can record you—you're not being evaluated on the video but on your 4-H story. Of course, the more creative the video content, the better your chance of winning.

It's okay to tell your story over time. For example, you may want to be show a lamb when it's born, as you work on it, then in the show ring and put all those clips together into your entry.

Videos will be accepted from May 1 to August 1. Winners will be announced and shown at the Illinois State Fair.

Finalists may be asked to improve or edit their video to comply with Extension 4-H guidelines before their prize is awarded.

Questions? Email Judy at illinois4H@illinois.edu.

Win \$1,000!

The **Superior Young Producer Scholarship Program** is offered by the Illinois State Fair to 4-H members in beef, sheep, swine, dairy, and horses as an educational activity at the Illinois State Fair to promote youth development and personal growth. Three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in horses, and three \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in dairy. A total of nine \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in a combined contest for beef, sheep, and swine contestants. The SYPA contest is open to 4-H members who are 14 years of age or older doing project work in the species area for which they are entering. 4-H age is determined as of January 1, 2019. Participants do not have to be exhibiting animals at the Illinois State Fair to participate in the SYPA contest. Check out the dates of each contest: Horse: July 24, Beef/Sheep/Swine: August 7, Dairy: August 17. The contest is supported by the Illinois 4-H Foundation and its sponsors.



Illinois State 4-H
Youth Leadership Team

We're Looking for New Members!

You see them at state 4-H events in their bright green shirts. Now YOU can be come an Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team member.

Eligibility: Age 16 to 19 by September 1, 2019.

Length of service: Two years, so new Team members selected this summer will serve from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021.

Apply online: go.illinois.edu/4HYLT. Look for the application at the bottom of the page under "Resources."

Deadline: June 7 (for interviews during Illini Summer Academies); July 19 (for interviews during State Fair).

The State Youth Leadership Team plans the state Jr. Leadership Conference, plans and teaches the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program, and assists for many other statewide events. Team members may serve on statewide planning committees and advisory groups, including the Illinois 4-H Foundation Board of Directors, Illinois Farm Bureau Youth Education Committee, Illini Summer Academies planning committee, and Teen Leadership Conference planning committee. Members also have the first opportunity to attend National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. each spring.

Take the whole family

Some things should be enjoyed as a family! We have the perfect spot and time to do it. Come to 4-H Memorial Camp for Family Camp, Sept. 13-15. Enjoy all that the camp has to offer as a family! Experience rock climbing, zip lining, archery, fishing, hayrack rides, campfires, crafts, cardboard boat racing, and many other fun activities. Your family will sleep in a cabin, have meals provided, and enjoy many fun activities!

Expect to have fun, eat heartily, and make memories that will last a lifetime! Let us manage the stress of planning a camping adventure while allowing your family and friends the opportunity to enjoy a weekend together at camp! Cost is just \$75 for anyone 8 years old and up; \$35 for 4- to 7-year-olds. Under 4 is free. Family Camp is open to any family. At least one youth attending must be from 8 to 16 years of age. At least one adult must attend the entire weekend event with their youth campers. Download the registration form @ <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-family-camp>. Call Andy Davis at (217) 762-2741 or email him at ardavis1@illinois.edu with any questions or if you need special accommodation.

Volunteers

We need volunteers to lead workshops. If you like to teach or just enjoy working with youth this is for you. Do you like to cook? Lead a cooking workshop. Do you like to work with wood? Lead a woodworking workshop, youth need to learn the basics. Do you like to sew? Lead a sewing workshop. Do you like to do crafts? The youth love to do crafts of any kind. The list goes on and on. Call me at 439-3178 if you would like to volunteer.

Tell the 4-H livestock story

We will be selecting 10 new members of the Illinois 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team. Applications are now available online @ go.illinois.edu/IL4H. Choose **Members>Leadership** and scroll to the bottom of the page. Applicants must be 4-H members or recent 4-H alumni, ages 16-21 as of September 1, 2019. You will serve a 2-year term with the option to apply for a second term.

Franklin County Dates to Remember

June 1—State Fair horse entries due to Springfield

June 8—Farm City Days

June 26—Vet check day

July 7—Move in day for campers at Fairgrounds

July 11-18 4-H Fair